

## BILL LANGE'S FEAT.

One of the Famous Old Outfielders' Sensational Catches.

The greatest individual feat ever performed was one by which Bill Lange saved a game for Chicago and \$200 for himself in Washington in 1905. There is an old story connected with the play. Lange had missed a train in Boston two days before, failed to reach New York in time to play there, and Anson had fined him \$100. Thereupon he missed a train to Washington—arrived on the grounds after the teams had practiced and just in time to play, and for that Anson fined him another \$100. The game that afternoon went eleven innings, Chicago scoring one run in the eleventh. There were two men out and a runner on the bases when "Kip" Sebach, then one of the hardest hitters in the business, smote the ball a terrific blow and sent it flying over Lange's head toward the center field fence. The hit seemed a sure home run, but Lange, a man weighing 225 pounds, turned and without looking sprinted desperately straight out toward the fence, racing with the flying ball. At the last instant, as the ball was going over his head, Lange leaped, stuck up both hands, turned a somersault and crashed against the fence. The boards splintered, one entire panel crushed inward, and out of the wreckage crawled Lange, holding the ball in his hand, and the crowd went mad. Lange came limping in, with the crowd standing on seats shouting, and he said to Anson, "Fines go, cap?" "Nope," said Anson, "and the catch had saved the big feller \$200."—Hugh S. Fullerton in American Magazine.

## THE FIRST ALMANACS.

They Attempted to Foretell Men's Destiny From the Stars.

The almanac, properly so called in its origin, is not merely a device for keeping people in mind of the progress of the year. It is an attempt to show what destiny has in store for us as indicated by the position of the stars in any particular year, and as, according to astrological lore, the destinies of men are ruled by the different aspects of the planets, so also the human body is subject to the influence of the constellations through which the sun appears to pass in his yearly course. A French almanac of 1810 gives a diagram of the human body surrounded by all the signs of the zodiac and indicates the various organs and members over which these signs have power, and this for a guide to the physician, who is to show at what period of blood may be let with safety. But the same almanac also gives directions sensible enough for the avoidance of the plague which would not be found fault with by a modern fashionable physician:

Who would keep his body in health And resist the infection of the plague, Let him seek joy and sadness fly, Avoid places where infections abound And cherish joyous company.

A few examples exist of almanacs of this character before the invention of printing, although none, it is believed, earlier than the twelfth century. But some of the earliest specimens of printed almanacs, which are chiefly concerned about blood letting.—Westminster Gazette.

## Wasted Time.

Mrs. Newrich was growing accustomed to power. She enjoyed it and was irritated when any one presumed to differ from her in opinion. When the sailing party of which she had been a member landed on the shores of the lake rain soaked and frightened. Mrs. Newrich was the only one who cared to talk.

"It could all have been avoided if that captain had done as I told him," she said between the chattering of her teeth as the party stood huddled under a small shelter.

"When I saw that cloud coming from that corner of the lake I said to him, 'I think you'd better make straight for home and not spend any more time taking,' but he paid no more attention than as if I hadn't spoken!"—Youth's Companion.

## He Didn't Bet.

"A man in my county," said a Kansas congressman, "was always anxious to bet on his game of checkers. One time he was about to play a game for \$10 with a fellow called Three Fingers Jack. Suddenly one of his friends exclaimed:

"Don't bet, Charlie. Don't you know that fellow wore two fingers playing checkers? That's why he's called Three Fingers Jack."

"That settled it. The bet was never made. A man who had worn off two fingers by brushing them up and down the checkerboard was too much for my friend."—Kansas City Journal.

## A Bitter Disappointment.

"When I was in Paris," remarked the collector of curios, "I discovered in a bookstall a volume which I knew at first glance to be of extraordinary value. I could scarcely believe my good luck. Breathless, I inquired the price of the dealer. Just think of it! could have had that treasure for a song!"

"Well, why didn't you get it?"

"Never could sing a note in my life, cried the collector, bursting into tears.—New York Times.

## The Audience Moved.

He had been trying to start a revival fervor, but the audience was unresponsive. "O ye of flinty hearts," he cried, "will nothing move you?" "Pass the hat, boss," answered the gaudy "and we move immediately."—Florida Times-Union.

## What the Wind Gathers the Devil Scatters.—Greek Proverb.

## POISON OAK POISONING.

Ballard's Snow Liniment cures it. Mr. O. H. P. Cornelius, Turner, Ore., writes—My wife has discovered that Snow Liniment cures "Poison Oak Poisoning," a very painful trouble. She not only cured a case of it on herself, but on two of her friends who were poisoned by this same Ivy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by North Bank Pharmacy.

## RACE WAGERS IN INDIA.

Native's Method of Choosing a Winner and Making Bets.

The native of India wagers his money according to the colors worn by the jockeys and takes no heed of the merits of the horses, or he will back a horse ridden by his favorite jockey, no matter whether the animal is a rank outsider or not.

His ideas of gambling, in fact, are distinctly novel. Some of the more wealthy Indians form rings and back every horse in the race, thus gaining the satisfaction of getting a winner every time. It is really only of late years that the native of India has become a habitual gambler on the turf, and nowadays the bulk of the betting of the various racing centers in India is done by natives. Indeed, the authorities are somewhat concerned about the growth of the betting which takes place among Indian natives. It being asserted that as many as thirty lacs of rupees (about \$300,000) is lost and won in the course of a season.

The ignorant masses have not a great deal of actual money to wager, but so badly bitten are many of them with the craze for betting at race meetings that they frequently wager what little property they possess on a horse, and if they lose they simply replace their loss by stealing a neighbor's goods. The consequence is that when the racing season comes around the police are kept very busy dealing with cases of petty larceny and other crimes involving loss of property.—London Tilt-Bits.

## NOT ANNOYED.

The Directors Were Rather Pleased at the Barrister's Refusal.

Mr. Reader Harris, K. C., was once offered a brief marked 50 guineas on behalf of a railway company that wished to obtain a refreshment license for a particular railway station. He returned the brief on conscientious grounds, but later on it was sent back to him with a fee of 100 guineas marked on it. This time he returned it with a note in which he explained that his refusal was due to a matter of principle. Subsequently he met one of the directors of the company and expressed a hope that he and his colleagues were not annoyed at his conduct.

"Not at all," said the director. "I'll tell you all about it. So-and-so, the big brewer, was sitting on the board for the first time at the meeting at which the solicitor reported that your brief marked 50 guineas had been returned. 'Who's this palm singing humbug?' he asked. 'Mark the brief 100 guineas and I'll bet you anything you like he'll take it.' 'Oh, you will you?' asked the chairman. You see, we all knew you, Harris. We took the brewer on at 5 to 1 in five pound notes. He hooked the bets with every one of us, and he has paid up."—London Scraps.

## A Curious Receipt.

Hanover's registrar discovered a very curious document some time ago as he was looking through a bundle of papers that date back to the eighteenth century. The document is a receipt—probably the only one of its kind in existence—which was given to a Hanoverian captain by a canon of Dulsburg during the Seven Years' war. "I, the undersigned," it reads, "hereby acknowledge that I have received fifty blows of a stick, which were inflicted upon me by a lieutenant of Captain H's regiment as a punishment for the stupid and frivolous calumnies which I have uttered in regard to the regiment of chasseurs. For my imprudent words I now admit that I am profoundly sorry. I received my punishment lying on a heap of straw and held by two men, and I bear testimony to the fact that the officer struck me as vigorously as he could with a stick that was as thick as my finger."

"In proper form and with due gratitude I sign this receipt and avow that all therein is true."

## Hard to Kill.

A crocodile's tenacity of life is most remarkable. "I remember one time," says a traveler in India, "I was with a shooting party on the Ganges when the natives brought in a six foot crocodile. They hoped some one would want to buy it, but no one did, so it was determined to kill the creature. It was hauled out of the tank and tied to a tree. Bullets from a small rifle or an ordinary gun seemed only to irritate the surian, nor did he seem to care very much when a native thrust a spear down his throat. Finally they were obliged to dispatch him with axes. Even then the tail thrashed about for no little time after."

## Not That Kind.

"Once in a Bible lesson," said a Sunday school teacher, "I repeated the text, 'Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt.' And then I showed the children a large picture that illustrated the text in bright colors.

"The children studied this picture eagerly. Then they all frowned; all looked rather disappointed. Finally a little girl said:

"Teacher, where is the flea?"

## Where to Sing.

"I will sing something useful to you, dear," said a lady to her morose husband. "Shall I sing 'Far, Far Away'?"

"I wish you would," was the bitter reply. "It would save the trouble of apologizing to the neighbors."

## How These Girls Love One Another.

Maud—And the last thing that Henry did was to give me a kiss. Mabel—Indeed! I should think that is about the last thing he would do.—Illustrated Bits.

## THE HORSE.

We Is So Stupid That He Can Be Taught Any Habit.

There have been on exhibition at various times horses that are apparently prodigies of mathematical insight—that can do anything with numbers that the trainer can do. Yet we absolutely know that no animal can so much as count at all. Furthermore, it is always the horse that performs these marvels, though the horse is the most utterly stupid of all the dumb creatures that man has made his friends.

That is precisely why the horse is always taken to be made into an arithmetician. He is so stupid that he can be taught anything—any habit, that is—and, having no mind to be taken up with his own affairs, can be relied on to do exactly as he is told.

All these arithmetical fakes, whatever their details, are worked in essentially the same way. The horse is taught, by endless repetitions, some mechanical habit. A given signal, and he begins to paw the floor. Another signal, and he stops. Press the proper button, and he takes a sponge and rubs it over a certain spot on a black-board or picks up a card lying in a certain position. That is all he does. The meaning of the act exists for the spectator only. The pawings count the answer to a problem in addition, the card bears the reply to a question, but the horse does not know it. He merely follows a blind habit. Just as he will stop when you say "Whoa!" though you interpolate the word into your recitation of the Declaration of Independence.—McClure's Magazine.

## IT CAME TRUE.

The Large Party and the Calamity That Followed.

"You can't make me believe," Uncle Abner Jarvis was saying, "that there isn't something in fortune telling."

His auditors were grouped round the stove in the corner grocery store. "Ever have any experience with it?" asked one of them.

"That's what I was going to tell you," resumed Uncle Abner. "Once when I was at the county fair I saw a little tent with a sign on the outside of it that said 'Mime. Somebody-or-other would tell your fortune for 25 cents. I stepped inside just for fun.

"A woman with a thick veil over her face was sitting in a chair on a raised platform. I gave her a quarter, and she looked at my hand. One of the things she told me was that I was going to have a large party at my house in less than a month and that it would be followed by a calamity.

"I laughed at that. Thinks I to myself, 'We hadn't had any parties of any kind to our house for two years, and I don't reckon we'll have one quite as soon as that.'

"But it did come true. In about two weeks my wife's Aunt Jane came to visit us, and if you think she ain't a large party you ought to see her. She weighs 287 pounds."

"But how about the calamity?" inquired the man who was sitting on the nail keg after a long pause.

"Well," said Uncle Abner slowly, "she broke down our spare bed the first night she slept in it."—Youth's Companion.

## Had Forty Homes.

Volon, the painter, was a unique personage even among the odd characters of Paris. While he was essentially a bohemian, there were times when even his patience was taxed to the utmost, and to obviate the necessity of meeting unwelcome people he conceived the idea of multiplying his lodging places. At the time of his death he owned no less than forty homes, all to apartment houses, situated in all the out of the way corners of Paris, plainly furnished and with just enough accommodation for himself. He changed from one to the other all the time in order to escape importunate acquaintances and to take refuge from his friends. It was in order to throw them all off the scent that he engaged rooms all over the city. He finally died in the Rue de Dunkerque, where he had as many as three different apartments, all within a stone's throw of one another.

The Stone Houses of Easter Island. The remarkable stone houses of Easter Island are built against a terrace of earth or rock, which in some cases forms the back wall of the dwelling. They are built of small slabs of stratified basaltic rock piled together without cement. No regularity of plan is shown in the construction of a majority of them. The average measurement is as follows: Height from floor to ceiling, 4 feet 6 inches; thickness of walls, 4 feet 6 inches; width of rooms, 4 feet 6 inches; length of rooms, 12 feet 6 inches; average size of doorways—height, 20 inches; width, 10 inches.

## Skeptical.

"I kind of agree with the folks who say that story about George Washington and the cherry tree is a myth," said Farmer Cornsloss after a thoughtful silence.

"For what reason?" inquired his wife.

"Well, human nature is partly much the same in all generations, and if I had a boy who picked up an ax as voluntarily went out to chop wood I wouldn't chide him. I'd hand him a medal."—Washington Star.

## Practical.

"I send you 10,000 kisses," he wrote. "Bah!" she exclaimed, tossing his letter aside. "Why doesn't he come and look over his terminal facilities in person?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

A stout heart may be ruined in fortune, but not in spirit.—Victor Hugo.

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It is resolved by the city of St. Johns:		LEAVE ST. JOHNS		
That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve South Ivanhoe street, from the Southern line of Polk street to the Northern line of Ida street in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to-wit:		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
By grading same to the established grade by cut and fill; and by sidewalk same on both sides with 5 foot cement walks and 12 foot curb with necessary 5 foot wooden cross walks and box gutters. Said curb to have 4 inch tile drain every 50 feet, and curb and cement walk to have expansion joints when directed by the city engineer, between Polk and Burr streets. Also by placing a strip of macadam in center of said street between Polk and Burr streets. Said macadam to be 8 inches in center, 6 inches on either side, and to conform to Sec. 1 of Ordinance No. 192. All work to be under the supervision and direction of the city engineer and according to the plans and specification of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder relative thereto, which said plans and specifications and estimates are satisfactory and are hereby approved. Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and under the supervision and direction of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property especially and particularly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all of lots, parts of lots, blocks and parcels of land between the terminal of such improvements abutting upon adjacent or proximate to said South Ivanhoe street, from the marginal lines of said street back to the center of the block or blocks or tracts of land abutting thereon or proximate thereto.		5:45	12:40	7:00
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## St. Johns Ferry Time Card.

Leave East Side (A. M.)—6:40, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30, 11:10, 11:50. P. M.—12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 3:10, 3:50, 4:30, 5:10, 6:00.

Leave West Side (A. M.)—6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:30, 10:10, 11:50. P. M.—12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30, 6:20.

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Baptist church—C. L. Owen, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. B. V. P. U. 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m.

Methodist church—S. H. Dewar, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m.

Holy Cross Catholic church, Portsmouth Station: 8:15 a. m., low mass; 10:15 a. m., high mass; 7:30 p. m., vespers and benediction.

Christian church—Meets every Sunday in Tabernacle as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., and V. P. S. C. E. meeting at 7 p. m. R. J. Johnson, pastor.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Portsmouth—Rev. Dr. Van Waters, Chaplain. Sunday Services 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in the month at 11 a. m.

Evangelical church—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Junior K. L. C. E. 2:30 p. m.; Senior K. L. C. E. 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Chester P. Gates, pastor.

First Congregational Church—G. W. Nelson, pastor. Sunday school to 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. V. P. S. C. E. meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. A seat and welcome to all.

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German Baptist church—Services held each Sunday at Baptist church as follows: Sunday school 2 p. m., preaching at 3 p. m. Rev. Faltmeat, pastor.

German Lutheran—Services at 10:45 a. m. every Sunday morning at corner of Peninsula avenue and Kilpatrick street, University Park. All Germans of St. Johns cordially invited to attend. C. Buechler, pastor.

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